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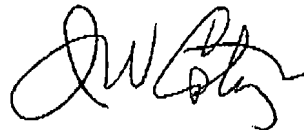
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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "elastic component G". Specifically, this was accomplished by amending the limitation to include the indefinite article 'an'. This renders moot the Examiner rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present invention are in proper form for allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are therefore respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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